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VIA ECF

The Honorable Nelson S. Roman
United States District Judge
United States District Court
300 Quarropas Street
White Plains, New York 10601

**RE: *United States v. Chukwuemeka Okparaekwe*
17-Cr-225-NSR**

Dear Judge Roman:

In August, the Court appointed me to assist Mr. Okparaekwe in pursuing his petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255. The briefing is completed.

On October 20, 2023, the Court put on the public docket a letter written by Mr. Okparaekwe dated October 11, 2023, in which Mr. Okparaekwe accuses the Court of engaging in *ex parte* communications with the government. *See* ECF No. 258. In the letter, Mr. Okparaekwe states that he was provided examples of such communications by a CJA lawyer. As a result, the Court directed me to make instances of these alleged communications known. *See* Order, ECF No. 259.

I write to inform the Court of the following. I was not the CJA lawyer who provided Mr. Okparaekwe with any examples of *ex parte* communications, and I do not know who the CJA lawyer was. I have no knowledge of any *ex parte* communications. Mr. Okparaekwe has not shared with me any such examples. Accordingly, I am in no position to shed light on this issue for the Court.

Sincerely,

/s/

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